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Subject: Tejada FOIA Harbor Bridge 1 of 4

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To: Tejada, Matthew
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge comments

Matt – Attached are the comments we filed yesterday. See also, <http://savehillcrestfromharborbridge.wordpress.com/>

33 signatures on community letter sent to TxDOT (26 current Hillcrest residents); Letter is avail on the website w/o signatures bc original incudes addresses and phone numbers.

Thanks.

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Importance: High

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Subject: Texas - Harbor Bridge Project Information requested from Nov 4, 2014 HUD, EPA FHWA meeting
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Ms. Danielle Schopp,
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Dear Ms. Schopp:

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A November 4, 2014, meeting regarding the Harbor Bridge was held in response to a request from Ms. Danielle Schopp, HUD Director of the Office of Environment, through Mr. James Potter, HUD Community Planner to Gerald Solomon, FHWA Director of Office of Project Development. In his meeting request, Mr. Potter stated that HUD has some concerns about impacts to public housing sites in Corpus Christi, Texas in the path of the Harbor Bridge project and that the HUD Director of the Office of Environment and Energy would like to meet with the appropriate FHWA headquarters staff to understand the relationship of state departments of transportation. Mr. Potter indicated that HUD would like to talk specifically about mitigation options and decisions on addressing impacts. Late in the afternoon on November 3, 2014, the HUD Director of the Office of Environment and Energy advised FHWA that the EPA Office of Environmental Justice requested to participate and that she expected to be joined by Matt Tejada and Suzie Ruhl.

The meeting was held at an FHWA Office conference room with the HUD Region 6 Environmental Reviewer and the Texas Division project team participated via conference call.

During the Nov. 4, 2014 meeting, HUD staff had questions about the status of the NorthSide Manor Section 8 housing. The Texas Division staff did have the requested information readily available during the meeting. The two paragraphs below respond to HUD's questions about the status of Northside Manor and the project's impacts to .

Status of the Northside Manor Section 8 Property discussed during the meeting.

The North Side Manor Apartments have two locations; the Lake Street location has 20 units and the N. Alameda Street location has 100 units. On October 23, 2012, Housing and Community Services Inc. from San Antonio, Texas received approval from the Corpus Christi City Council for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding to build an apartment complex referred to as The Palms on Leopard Street. The proposed complex would consist of 120 units, sufficient to accommodate all of the residents of North Side Manor Apartments. Upon completion of The Palms, and independent of the proposed project, the North Side Manor Apartments on N. Alameda Street and Lake Street, which are also owned by Housing and Community Services Inc., are planned for closure.

Through coordination with the City of Corpus Christi Director of Housing and Community Development, the Joint Lead Agencies have determined that the North Side Manor apartment complex on Lake Street, a portion of which is within the proposed right of way for the Preferred Alternative is to be closed, prior to the selection of an alternative for the proposed project and prior to any right of way acquisition by TxDOT. Residents of this apartment complex will be relocated by the property owner, with most residents anticipated to move to the Palms at Leopard, a new partially-complete complex scheduled to be completed by December of 2014. Because the North Side Manor Apartments would be closed by the owner prior to the selection of an alternative, the residents of North Side Manor would not be considered displaced by the proposed project.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

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To: Hall, Tayoka
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge Project - Bi-weekly Conference Call with EPA, TXDOT, HUD and FHWA

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To: Price, Kimeka; Tejada, Matthew; Buzzelle, Stanley; Gavin, JamesG; Rader, Cliff; Benjamin, Agatha; Smith, Rhonda; Anderson, Israel; Potter, James M; Perry, Amber; Dalbey, Matthew; Thomas, John V.; Wilson, Clark; Ruhl, Suzi; Britton, Barbara R; Kemp, Mary; 'Christopher Amy'; 'Albert Hinojosa'; 'Greg Punske'; 'AHINOJOSA@dot.gov'; 'Owen.Lindauer@dot.gov'; 'Sonya Hernandez'; Williams, Denise; Yurk, Jeffrey; Lewis, Sheila; Stucky, Marie
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New Orleans work products as mentioned on the call:

<http://www.nola.gov/livable-claiborne-communities/>

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Where: R6-ConfRm-BrownPelican-09O02/R6---09th-Floor

Agenda topics will be provided prior to the meeting.

For remote access to meeting:

Conference call: [REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge Project - Preliminary Review of Draft Sustainability Plan Framework and Associated Outreach/Planning Process
Attachments: Sustainability_Plan_Process_JP DRAFT_11122014.pdf

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Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge Project - Preliminary Review of Draft Sustainability Plan Framework and Associated Outreach/Planning Process

Kimeka,

This is still very sketchy, but I've added some comments on the outline. There were two elements that prejudiced or limited the discussion that I think should be removed. One is an early discussion of funding sources. Funding needs to come after initiatives are identified. Chasing funding will not result in workable solutions, or it might skew the effort away from the actual cause of the vulnerability. The second is TxDOT commitments. A sustainability plan should be based on what is needed not what the lead agency is willing to do.

Finally, the plan stops with the development of the plan. The final meeting should be the beginning of the implementation. It should focus on how the community will be organized to implement the plan, the role of partners, implementation timeline and priorities, individual responsibilities and action plans, reporting requirements and schedule, funding opportunities and schedules, and lots of other things that will make the first elements happen to gain early successes. A planning process that ends with a plan is begging for failure. This process must be much more forward leaning.

I hope to join you for the meeting next week.

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Please perform an associate review of the attached draft sustainability plan framework and associated outreach/planning process, which is a component of the proposed mitigation measures for the communities affected by the subject project.

Please let me know if you have any comments or recommendations by noon (12 pm) Friday, November 14, 2014. Any comments and recommendations will be provided to TXDOT and FHWA on Monday, 17, 2014, and discussed in the upcoming multi-agency meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Hi Chris,

I'm just following up on the summary from the Livability Summit you'd mentioned on today's call. I went to the MPO website (http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/06_cclivabilitysummit.html) but didn't see the summary posted there. Can you send me the summary so that I can forward it on to folks?

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: Summary of Corpus Christi Livability Summit.

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Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Ruhl, Suzi
Cc: Marshall, Sunaree K; Tejada, Matthew
Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge Comments

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From: Vernice Miller-Travis [mailto:vmiller-travis@skeo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 3:31 PM
Cc: Eric Marsh; Lewis, Sheila; ahefner@skeo.com; Ruhl, Suzi; Buzzelle, Stanley
Subject: Re: Habor Bridge update

Thanks Matt for providing this update on the Harbor Bridge project.

Just want to remind you that we are obligated on Jan. 29th for the NPSG ED workshop, and then the full conference through Jan. 31st in Baltimore.

Vernice

On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Eric, and Happy New Year to you too.

I believe they have pushed it back to the end of January. Hopefully will have firmer details this week.

Matthew Tejada

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From: Eric Marsh [mailto:emarsh@skeo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 3:04 PM

To: Lewis, Sheila; ahefner@skeo.com

Cc: Tejada, Matthew; Ruhl, Suzi; Buzzelle, Stanley; Vernice Miller-Travis

Subject: Re: Habor Bridge update

Hi all,

Happy New Year! I am checking in to see if FWHA/TXDOT's sustainability planning workshop is still scheduled for Jan. 17? Is there an agenda you can share? If not, do you know when approximately the workshop will begin and approximately how long it will run? Thanks. -Eric

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To: Ruhl, Suzi
Cc: Marshall, Sunaree K; Schopp, Danielle L
Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge - Noise

Suzi,

Assembling the whole family, friends, and significant others du jour took 3 raucous events. They are a great group of people. Santa didn't bring enough toys; the new toaster oven didn't fill a need for fun. I hope yours was at least as joyous.

This is very interesting considering FHWA told us in the meeting at DOT that they were prohibited by regulation from improving buildings. I wonder why/how Michigan DOT got a pass from the rules. Regardless, it seems too late for Corpus Christi, and the HUD residents will be given vouchers to relocate. This will be very helpful next time.

Thanks and have a healthy and happy New Year!

Jim

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Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 2:32 PM
To: Marshall, Sunaree K; Potter, James M
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge - Noise

Hope ya'll have had a wonderful holiday!
See below for a noise mitigation measure that Stan located—would HUD want to propose this?

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From: Buzzelle, Stanley
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Ruhl, Suzi
Subject: Harbor Bridge - Noise

Suzi,

I came across this noise mitigation measure that HUD may be interested in pursuing for their housing units impacted by the harbor bridge project. It's from FHWA's Detroit River International Crossing FEIS that Richard Grow suggested we look at. The Harbor Bridge FEIS acknowledges DHAI for noise, but say they can't do anything more about it. This EIS put new windows etc into the affected building. Maybe we should let Sunaree know about this?

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The mitigation and enhancement measures listed on this Green Sheet will benefit minority and low-income population groups who may be impacted by this project. Community Enhancement measures were developed by MDOT and the community.

New windows and a new central heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system will be offered to reduce noise levels within the Berwalt Manor apartment building. Coordination with Berwalt Manor will continue into design to address access to the property and additional landscaping options.

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Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

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From: Ferroni, Mark (FHWA)
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Punske, Gregory (FHWA)
Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

Greg -

This assessment of HUD's tool looks accurate to me.

Thanks, Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Punske, Gregory (FHWA)
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 1:38 PM
To: Ferroni, Mark (FHWA)
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

Just received from this draft evaluation of HUD's noise calculator and results from TxDOT and would appreciate a quick look and your expert opinion of the write-up before I include it as part of the response package to HUD requested at the Nov. 4. Meeting.

Thanks
greg

-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Amy [mailto:Christopher.Amy@txdot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Punske, Gregory (FHWA)
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

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From: Tillar, Bill [mailto:bill.tillar@urs.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 5:06 PM
To: Christopher Amy; Horne, Kammy; Ray Umscheid
Cc: Bennett, Charles E (Dallas); Victor Vourcos
Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

Chris,

As discussed, I have reviewed the HUD noise modeling summary file. The file is basically an input-output summary file for their modeling. It's very basic, relying on noise lookup tables per standard HUD guidelines. HUD modeled two roadways, I-37 and the future US 181 Recommended alternative. HUD used an effective distance for each roadway to the NAL (Noise Assessment Location) of 200 feet. The NAL is defined by HUD as a representative location around the site where noise is expected. For roadway projects, the effective distance per HUD is the average of the nearest and farthest traffic lanes to the NAL. HUD calculated 72.5 DNL and 73.4 DNL, respectively for I-37 and the Recommended alternative. The combined DNL noise level is about 76 DNL. Again, DNL is the Day-Night Noise Level, which is the average noise level over a 24-hour period. DNL artificially increases noise between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM by 10 decibels to account for increased sensitivity during nighttime hours.

So, from the start, HUD and FHWA determine noise in different ways and you can't directly compare HUD DNLs to FHWA Leq's (the equivalent or max hourly noise level). FHWA does not incorporate the 10 decibel penalty into their calculations. The US 181 FEIS maximum predicted noise level at DN Leathers was approximately 66 dBA to 67 dBA. In actuality, the HUD noise level (76 DNL) and the FHWA noise level (66-67 dBA) are not that different, if one were to assume that the max hourly noise would occur for an entire 24-hour day (not realistic) with a 10 decibel penalty added over the nighttime hours.

However, there is also the question of some of the assumptions in HUDs model. The average of the existing I-37 and future US 181 traffic lanes to the nearest residential structure (there are no outdoor activity areas at the DN Leathers site that are closer to each roadway) is approximately 450 feet, over twice the distance that HUD used. Correcting the effective distance in the HUD model would decrease HUD noise levels by about 4-5 dBA, following standard noise source distance fundamentals. Also, the nighttime Fraction of ADT of 15% is likely high for this project. I do not have the exact nighttime fraction but I would think that the actual ADT fraction would be much lower for each roadway, which would further reduce overnight noise levels and thus lowering resulting DNL noise levels even farther.

Finally, I should note that the FHWA TNM model is a much more robust noise model than the generic lookup table model used in the HUD noise calculations. TNM incorporates the latest and most advanced noise propagation algorithms in its calculations. HUD doesn't. The HUD model (at least the model sent to us) assumed all noise sources are at ground level. Our model incorporates actual design geometry of each roadway, both horizontal and vertical. Although all models introduce some error into the noise analysis, my professional opinion is that the FHWA TNM noise model results are much more realistic than HUD's results. This was evident in our existing (2015) noise analysis that showed calculated noise levels in the vicinity of DN Leathers that were close to actual monitored noise levels in the same area.

I will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday for military duty in Houston but will be available by cell or email if you need to discuss this further. My cell number is 512-983-2626.

Thanks,

Bill Tillar
URS Noise Analyst

-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Amy [mailto:Christopher.Amy@txdot.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 5:12 PM
To: Horne, Kammy; Tillar, Bill; Ray Umscheid
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

We need to talk about this Wednesday morning.

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From: Gregory.PUNSKE@dot.gov [mailto:Gregory.PUNSKE@dot.gov]
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To: Christopher Amy
Cc: AHINOJOSA@dot.gov; Gregory.PUNSKE@dot.gov; Sonya Hernandez
Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

Chris:

I would like to have the TxDOT Noise Technical Experts' evaluation of the attached output from HUDs DNL calculator. The calculator and user information is public domain and I believe available on HUD website. Also, please ensure that URS incorporates Mr. Ferroni's evaluation of the HUD DNL Calculator into the project files.

Thank you

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Cc: Lindauer, Owen (FHWA); Peaks, Harold (FHWA)
Subject: Harbor Bridge: HUD's noise assessment for DN Leathers.

Greg -

Yesterday towards the end our meeting with HUD and EPA, HUD provided me with their noise assessment for the DN Leathers property. You may want to enter the attached pdf. into the Harbor Bridge Administration Record.

As you can see from the attachment, HUD refers to this process as their Site DNL Calculator or their Day/Night Noise Level Electronic Assessment Tool. The key words here, in my mind, are "calculator" and "tool". When looking at the input parameters, the HUD calculator is very limiting compared to the FHWA Traffic Noise Model (TNM). The HUD calculator only factors in distance, vehicle speed, ADT, night weighting, road gradient for cars, medium and heavy trucks. It is not clear from the calculator or the HUD website on how these parameters are factored together to get the DNL level.

The FHWA TNM includes the HUD parameters, but also elevation, topography, hard/soft ground, vegetation zones, building rows, and pavements. Despite the difference in FHWA using Leq and HUD using DNL, the FHWA TNM is much more suplicated than the HUD calculator.

Thanks, Mark

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From: Ruhl, Suzi
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Attachments: removed.txt; HBLivWorkshopinvite_2_11_15.pdf

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Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge Neighborhood Workshop Invite and Questions

Hello Jim,

Based on your suggestion, TxDOT made a modification to the last bullet to be discussed at the break out session table to include an open topic discussion on the neighborhood needs for sustainability. Thank you for your comment. TxDOT is reviewing a summary of the previous workshop and will be providing a copy before the meeting scheduled for this Friday.

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Chris,
The "Open Topic Discussion" should not be limited to the Neighborhood Livability Plan.

Jim

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Subject: Harbor Bridge Neighborhood Workshop Invite and Questions

Good afternoon folks,

Attached is the invite to send to the Northside Neighborhood residents and the questions to be presented at the workshop discussion tables. TxDOT is preparing the mail out tomorrow for notification to residents no later than the 13th of February. Please provide any comments to Kimeka to pass along to TxDOT for our consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Amy

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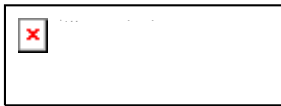
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Subject: FW: Harbor Bridge Noise Memo for DN Leathers Property

FYI...

From: Britton, Barbara R [mailto:Barbara.R.Britton@hud.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 5:23 PM
To: 'Christopher Amy'
Cc: Lopez, Richard L; Hinojosa, Albert (FHWA); 'Sonya Hernandez'; 'Ray Umscheid'; Potter, James M; Schopp, Danielle L
Subject: RE: Harbor Bridge Noise Memo for DN Leathers Property

Chris,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss HUD's comments on the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge/Crosstown Expressway EIS. We also thank you for sending us the noise barrier analysis for the DN Leathers project. We have reviewed this memo in light of our previous comments on this project. Due to the potential for unmitigated adverse noise impacts to residents of the HUD assisted properties in the project area, we still have concerns. HUD's Office of Environment and Energy in Washington plans to discuss these further with its counterparts in the Federal Highway Administration.

Barbara

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Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Britton, Barbara R
Cc: Lopez, Richard L; 'Albert.Hinojosa@dot.gov'; Sonya Hernandez; Ray Umscheid
Subject: Harbor Bridge Noise Memo for DN Leathers Property

Good morning Barbara,

Attached is a memo regarding the methodology to determine noise impacts at the D.N. Leathers Housing Development. TxDOT and FHWA appreciated the opportunity last month to meet in San Antonio and discuss the comments submitted by your Agency on the Harbor Bridge Draft EIS. FHWA and TxDOT appreciates your continued support as our Cooperating Agency on this project. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions on the information provided. A hard copy of the letter is being sent FedEx this morning. Thank you.

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